

App. No. 10/606,278
Amendment Dated: May 24, 2007
Reply to Office Action of January 24, 2007

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended as set forth above for clarity purposes. The claim amendments are not meant for limiting the features of the claims in any manner. No new matter has been added.

I. Examiner Interview Dated April 25, 2007

An interview was held on April 25, 2007. During the interview applicants attorney discussed the removal of references as set forth below. Examiner Bonshock stated that they would be formally considered upon receipt of the response.

II. Removal of U.S. Publication No 2004/0119761

U.S. Publication No. 2004/0119761 is only available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). The current application and U.S. Publication No. 2004/0119761 were, at the time the invention of the current application was made, owned by Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Washington. Accordingly, applicants request removal of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0119761 in the rejections of the Office Action.

III. Removal of U.S. Publication No. 2007/0011148

U.S. Publication No. 2007/0011148 (filed August 31, 2006) is a continuation of application No. 10/748,376 (filed on December 29, 2003), which is a continuation of application No. 09/195,876 (filed November 19, 1998, now abandon). The filing date of the current application is June 26, 2003. According, only the subject matter disclosed in application No. 09/195,876 is prior art. Application No. 09/195,876 is a ten page application that is very different than U.S. Publication No. 2007/0011148. Application No. 09/195,876 does not include the features relied on in association with U.S. Publication No. 2007/0011148. Accordingly, applicants request removal of U.S. Publication No. 2007/0011148 as prior art with respect to the asserted features.

IV. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

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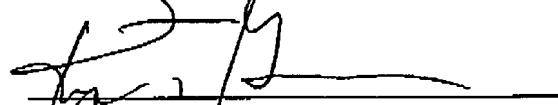
In light of the above removal of references, applicants assert that the rejections are not applicable. Applicants assert that the claims are in condition for allowance.

V. **Request for Reconsideration**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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